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COMMUNITY

The Summit Preparatory School serves the greater Springfield, Missouri area. The campus sits on 6 acres of land located on the south side of Springfield, Missouri. The middle school and high school also utilize facilities in greater Springfield as a part of their connected learning focused curriculum. The faculty take advantage of resources and facilities at various local universities and/or the Springfield-Greene County Library system to increase depth of knowledge and utilize research database systems. The Summit continues to build relationships in the community to offer experiential education opportunities for students as well as sites for internships and volunteering that students wish to pursue.



CURRICULUM

Summit high school students participate in college preparatory courses while engaged in a collaborative learning environment. This progressive style of education is modeled through student-led activities, inquiry-based learning, integration of subjects, project-based/hands-on learning and off-campus experiences. Students take ownership of research, presentations, and sharing of subject matter alongside their classmates. This educational style holds students accountable for their own learning and allows them to explore their passions. Teachers serve as facilitators while students take responsibility and initiative for their own learning. Formative assessment is used heavily, with writing and research emphasized across the curriculum. The goal of The Summit's high school program is very intentional, with graduates exhibiting a variety of qualities integral to becoming active members of society, ensuring collegiate and future success. These qualities include intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, growth mindset, independence, and connection.

Cultural competence and awareness are valued at The Summit. Spanish is offered daily beginning at age three. In high school, students continue with Spanish or choose another language to pursue in a self-paced, online setting. Students become experts in the culture and traditions of Spanish speaking countries while at The Summit. Annual Culture Day is primarily facilitated by the Upper School students for the entire Lower School program. Students who can demonstrate a high degree of proficiency in English and at least one other language are eligible to earn the Missouri Seal of Biliteracy. Students pursuing this award must meet specific requirements, including the completion of a project that demonstrates socio-cultural competence.

Social and emotional well-being of each student is a priority at The Summit. Through our unique and demanding program and small class sizes we are still able to meet the needs of each student and provide a holistic approach to his/her education. High school advisory is a time to connect students and teachers to provide academic and social emotional support and to strengthen the community of the Upper School program.

SCHOOL

The Summit Preparatory School, a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) is an independent, private, co-educational school accredited by the Independent School Association of the Central States (ISACS). Serving over 160 students in Early Learners (3 year old) through 12th grade, The Summit was founded in 2004 by a group of parents seeking a progressive, college preparatory school as an alternative to the educational options in Springfield. The Summit high school program is aimed at preparing students for success in college and beyond through integrated, project-based classes. The Summit high school is able to work closely with each student to develop his/her strengths and explore his/her passions. In addition to honors level academics, The Summit views students holistically, focusing on 21st century skills: Critical Thinking, Creativity, Communication, Collaboration, Character, and Citizenship.

OUR MISSION

The mission of The Summit Preparatory School is to prepare learners for success by providing a progressive education in a uniquely challenging and supportive environment.

OUR VISION

Inspire life-long learners.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

28 credits

Mathematics	4 credits
Science	4 credits
English	4 credits
History/Social Studies	4 credits
Foreign Language	2 credits
Fine Art	1 credit
Practical Art	1 credit
Physical Education	1 credit
Health & Wellness	0.5 credit
Personal Finance	0.5 credit
Electives	6 credits

GRADING AND HONOR POINTS

A	90-100	4
B	80-89	3
C	70-79	2
D	60-69	1
F	59 or below	0
P	*Pass	

*Music, PE, Art, Internship, Service Learning are offered Pass/Fail and not included in GPA calculation.

RANK

Due to the small class sizes, The Summit does not rank students.



HISTORY OF THE SUMMIT PREP

2004

Parents join together to develop Independent School of Springfield, a unique educational opportunity in Springfield, Missouri emphasizing the joy of learning.

2005

The Summit Preparatory School of Southwest Missouri opens.

2006

The Summit forms an Upper School program serving 6th through 8th grade.

2007-2009

A High School program is created, serving 9th through 12th grade.

2010

A Pre-Kindergarten program is added. The Summit moves to Chesterfield Village to accommodate its growing enrollment.

2011

A Beginners program, ages 3 and 4, opens to create a complete Early Learners program.

2012

The Summit graduates first class of high school seniors. The Summit adds an athletic program with 7th-12th grade.

2018

The Summit purchases and renovates its new campus at 202 E. Walnut Lawn Street, the first permanent home for the school.

2019

The Summit takes its first official Spanish Study Abroad Trip.

ATHLETICS

Since starting the program in 2012, The Summit has gathered many titles.

Cross Country 2nd in Class 1
Cross Country Girls State Champions Class 1

Boys Baseball 2nd in Class 1

Girls Track and Field 2nd in Class 1
Girls Track and Field State Champions Class 2

Girls Swim and Dive 9th in State, all classes
Giles Swim and Dive 8th in Class 1
Girls Swim and Dive 6th in Class 1

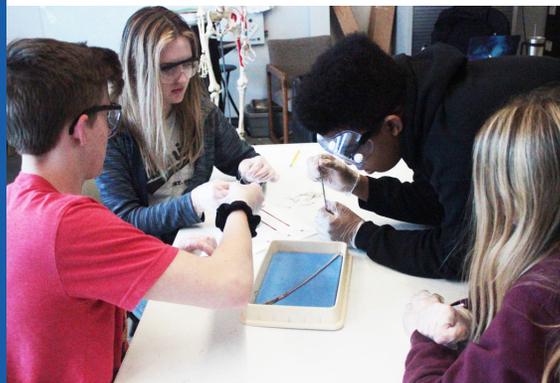
High school students are encouraged to complete at least one year of internship or volunteer service. Organizations include Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Wonders of Wildlife, Springfield Little Theatre, and Sky Adventures, LLC among other locations. Summit students are also urged to apply and participate in educational programs offered in the Springfield community. This includes the Greater Ozarks Center for Professional Studies (GOCAPS), Medical Explorers, and Leadership Springfield. These programs enhance student learning by connecting curricular content to real life experience and further support students to engage in their community.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

GPA is computed using only core academic classes taught at The Summit and based on a 4.0 scale. Integrated Arts classes (Physical Education, Music, Art, Performing Arts), Service Learning and/or Internship, and courses taken outside of The Summit are graded as Pass/Fail. The Summit does not use weighted grades for any classes including Dual Credit or Dual Enrollment. All classes are taught at an Honors level but are not designated Honors. The Summit only offers a single track for high school students. There are not "non-honors" tracks available. Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment courses are available through local universities for students wishing to receive college credit. Grades are recorded on the transcript, and GPA is computed in May.

GRADUATES

This year will mark the eleventh year that The Summit will graduate students. The school began serving K-6 in 2005 and continued to add grades each year. The Summit has graduated 32 students since 2011. Since the first Summit graduate in 2011, 92% have been accepted to a 4 year university, the other students opted for a GAP year and/or enrolled in a Community College. Summit students have consistently scored well above state and national averages on ACT and SAT tests.



POST HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT

- ☑ Baylor University
- ☑ Belmont University
- ☑ Brigham Young University
- ☑ DePaul University
- ☑ Drury University
- ☑ Goucher College
- ☑ Midland University
- ☑ Missouri Science and Technology
- ☑ Missouri State University
- ☑ Oberlin College and Conservatory
- ☑ Oklahoma State University
- ☑ Saint Louis University
- ☑ Sarah Lawrence College
- ☑ Texas State University
- ☑ University of Arkansas
- ☑ University of California at Santa Barbara
- ☑ University of Missouri - Columbia
- ☑ University of Missouri - Kansas City
- ☑ University of Oklahoma
- ☑ Westminster College

